

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE

OFFICIAL WARNING

VIOLATION OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

CASE NO.
TN130133

VIOLATOR
Virginia L. Stewart
Evergreen Walking Horse Farm, Inc.

ADDRESS (Street, City, State, Zip Code)

P.O. Box 144
Bell Buckle, TN 37020

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has evidence that on or about the date(s) listed below, you or your organization committed the following violation(s) of Federal law:

Date of Violation: August 25, 2012

15 U.S.C. § 1824(7) – Unlawful Acts

"The showing or exhibiting at a horse show or horse exhibition; the selling or auctioning at a horse sale or auction; the allowing to be shown, exhibited, or sold at a horse show, horse exhibition, or horse sale or auction; the entering for the purpose of showing or exhibiting in any horse show or horse exhibition; or offering for sale at a horse sale or auction, any horse which is wearing or bearing any equipment, device, paraphernalia, or substance which the Secretary by regulation under Section 1828 of this title prohibits to prevent the soring of horses."

9 C.F.R. § 11.2(b) Prohibition concerning exhibitors – Specific prohibitions

"(b) Specific prohibitions. The use of any of the following devices, equipment, or practices on any horse at any horse show, horse exhibition, or horse sale or auction is prohibited:

(10) Artificial extensions of the toe length, whether, accomplished with pads, acrylics or any other material or combinations thereof, that exceeds 50 percent of the natural hoof length....

(11) Toe length that does not exceed the height of the heel by 1 inch or more. The length of the toe shall be measured from the coronet band, at the center of the front pastern along the front of the hoof wall to the ground. The heel shall be measured....

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Titles 7 & 9 Code of Federal Regulations were promulgated to help prevent the spread of animal and plant pests and diseases and assure the humane treatment of animals. Since the violations of the regulations can have serious and costly impact detrimental to the public interest, you are warned of this violation. Any further violation of these regulations may result in the assessment of a civil penalty or criminal prosecution. If you have any questions concerning this warning or violation, please contact the listed APHIS official.

APHIS OFFICIAL (Name, Title)

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(15) Metal hoof bands, such as used to anchor or strengthen pads and shoes, placed less than $\frac{1}{2}$ inch below the coronet band.

Virginia L. Stewart and Evergreen Walking Horse Farm, Inc. allowed the entry for the purpose of showing the horse, "Jose's Ritzy Hawk," in the 74th Annual Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration in Shelbyville, Tennessee, which had pad heights beyond fifty percent the hoof wall length, coronet bands less than $\frac{1}{2}$ inch or greater from the top of the pad band, and toe lengths that did not exceed the heel lengths by at least one inch.